ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Seventh Annual Session

—OF THE—

Judson Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

ABBEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Henry County, Ala., September 30, October 1 and 2, 1897.

OFFICERS:

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The next session will be held with Enon Baptist Church, at Kinsey, commencing Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1898. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder A. L. Martin.

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MINUTES.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Judson Baptist Association met with the Abbeville Baptist Church at 10:30 A. M., Thursday, September 30, 1897.

After devotional service by Elder W. J. Martin. the former Moderator, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. B. Lee from Micah 6:8.

After the sermon there was a recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at the appointed hour and was called to order by the former Moderator

After devotional exercises the letters of the churches were read by Brethren W. W. Harris and F. L. Wimberly and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows :

Abbeville—J. B. Ward, David Thurman, R. W. Miller.
Adoniram—Fowler Hall, W. H. Parker.
Beulah—J. J. Boyett, Johnnie Paul.
Bethlehem—John Kelly, Henry Buffalow.
Centre—J. M. Wells, J. W. Roney, G. E. Fuller, A. L. Whigham.
Christian Grove—J. W. James, W. S. Hall.
Concord—J. C. Kirkland, F. M. Kirkland, G. W. Ward.
Enon—W. A. Peacock, Z. F. Knowles.
Fellowship—E. Oats, J. C. Wiggins.
Friendship—T. B. Gamble, H. T. Adams.
Harmony—
Headland—J. W. Owens, A. S. Whitten, J. L. Campbell.
Hebron—A. J. Armstrong, J. B. Hasty.
Judson—G. L. Fleming, J. A. Manly.
Lawrenceville—R. M. Espy, W. L. McGee.
Mt. Aerial—F. B. Jernigan, J. W. Martin.
Oak Grove—J. D. Jackson, Eddie Arnold, J. A. Kirkland.
Old Zion—G. W. Fleming, W. J. Doswell.
Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps, A. Armstrong, S. M. Singletary, C. C. Murphy.
Sardis—T. E. Guilford, E. E. Holley.
Shorterville—F. L. Wimberly, W. T Poindexter, J. S. Barnett.
Smyrna—W. D. Burdeshaw, J. D. Daughety, W. B. Crockett.
Tolbert—Jackson Hodges, Thomas Mathis.
Union Springs—A. Cutchen.
Bethel—J. W. Malone, Jr., J. W. White J. S. Lee.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of Elder W. J. Martin Moderator and F. L. Wimberly Clerk.

The former Treasurer, B. F. Harris, was continued in office.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Call for petitionary letters was responded to by Union Springs and Bethel churches, which were unanimously received into our body, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

DEVTIONAL COMMITTEE.

Devotional committee was appointed as follows: M. V. Capps, A. S. Whitten and delegates of the Abbeville Church.

CORRESPONDENTS AND VISITING BRETHREN.

The following correspondents and visiting brethren were received and welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of the body:

Dr. W. C. Cleveland, from the Columbia Association; Elder M. M. Wood, financial agent and member of the Ministerial Board of Education of Howard College; Elder A. J. Preston, agent of the State Mission Board, and W. W. Harris, for the Orphans' Home and Foreign Mission Board.

CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Correspondents to other associations as follows: Columbia, A. J. Preston, D. E. Burdeshaw, W. H. Capps, F. L. Wimberly. Newton, A. J. Preston. Eufaula. W. S. Hall, A. J. Preston, F. B. Jernigan, S. J. Belcher, R. B. Lee, W. L. McGee.

Upon motion the election of the executive committee was left with the committee on nominations.

REPORT DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

Devotional committee submitted the following report:

Elder J. W. Malone Sr., will preach at 7 P. M., and F. B. Jernigan will conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning. M. V. CAPPS, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Call for miscellaneous business. There having been observed that a conflict appeared between the Constitution and Articles of Decorum, it was moved that the following be added to Rule 1 of the Decorum:

Provided, That the requirements of Article 9 of the Constitution has been complied with.

After discussion Brother J. B. Ward moved, as a substitute to the above motion, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter and report to the body to-morrow, which was carried.

The following were appointed on that committee: J. B. Ward, M. V. Capps, J. W. Malone, Sr.

Upon motion the body agreed to spend one hour after night service in the discussion of the report on temperence.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 8 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Adjournment until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At the appointed hour Elder J. W. Malone preached from Psalms 134:1.

The report on temperance was read, and after discussion by D. E. Burdeshaw, F. L. Wimberly, Dr. W. C. Cleveland, A. J. Preston and M. M. Wood, was adopted.

The brethren appointed as Committee on Education being absent,

Brother W. W. Harris was requested to prepare that report.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1---MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Brother F. B. Jernigan, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Call for correspondents and visitors renewed, but none received.

Letter from Hebron Church was read and the delegates enrolled.

Special committees were appointed as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

A. Armstrong, G. L. Fleming, J. B. Ward.

FINANCE.

R. W. Miller, C. C. Murphy, T. L. Campbell.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

W. L. McGee, W. H. Parker, W. J. Doswell.

On motion of Brother J. W. Malone, Sr., the reports on Home, State and Foriegn Missions were read and discussed together; by Brethren W. W. Harris, J. W. Malone, Sr., and A. J. Preston.

Brethren R. B. Lee, F. B. Jernigan and White were granted leave of absense on account of sickness in their families.

The body now adjourned at 11 A. M. for preaching.

Elder M. M. Wood preached from the parable of the talents, Mathew 25:11-30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator at 2:20. Prayer by Brother A. Daughety.

The committee to investigate the conflict between the Constitution and the Decorum submitted the following:

We, your committee, offer the following amendment to the first rule of the Decorum:

In second line. after the word "not" add the following: Provided, That article 9 of the Constitution has been complied with.

Respectfully submitted. J. B. WARD, Chairman.

This report was adopted.

Discussion of the reports on missions continued by Brethren A. J. Preston, Dr. W. C. Cleveland and M. M. Wood, after which they were adopted.

The following pledges were made for State Missions: Abbeville church, $30; Concord church, $3; Mt. Ærial church, $2; Union Springs, $1; Adoniram, Pleasant Grove and Shorterville churches, each $10; Beaulah, Christian Grove, Enon, Hebron, Headland, Judson and Lawrenceville churches, each $5.

The following resolution offered by Brother M. V. Capps was adopted:

Resolved, That the executive committee of this association be and the same is hereby instructed. in conference with the Evangelist of the district to which we belong. to arrange and conduct a mission campaign in this association at such a time during the next associational year as may seem to them best.

READING OF REPORTS.

Report on education was next read, and upon motion of Brother M. V. Capps, discussion was deferred until after night service.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Indigent Ministers submitted and adopted.

Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At the appointed hour Dr. W. C. Cleveland preached from 1 Cor., 2:9 after which a collection for the Orphans' Home was taken up. Cash received $8.85.

Repopt on Educatiou was now discussed by Brethren M. M. Wood and A. J. Preston.

It was moved that the discussion of this report be continued the following morning.

Adjourned to meet Saturday at 8 A. M.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2---MORNING SESSION

Association assembled at the appointed hour. Prayer by Brother A. Daughety.

Upon motion the speeches were limited to 15 minutes.

Elder H. L. Crumbly from Bethel (Ga.,) Association was welcomed.

Brother J. W. Malone, Sr., moved that the Treasurer be instructed to pay Dr. A. L. Martin Fifty dollars for services rendered as evangelist in 1896. Carried.

READING OF REPORTS.

The Treasurer's report was now read and adopted.

The report on Education was called up, and on motion, was adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools was next read and discussed by W. W. Harris, F. L. Wimberly, A. J. Preston, J. B. Ward and J. W. Malone, Sr., and then adopted.

The report on Publication was read, and Brother J. W. Malone, Sr., offered as an amendment to this report that the American Baptist Flag be added to the list of publications recommended by the committee. After discussion by Brethren A. J. Preston and M. M. Wood, the amendment was voted on and lost. The report was then adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted, and upon motion, was adopted.

Moved by Brother J. B. Ward that Brother A. J. Preston be requested to furnish the Clerk the amounts paid to the State Evangelist for State Missions, by the the several churches of the Association, which shall be added to the financial report.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

The following resolutions was offered by Brother J. S. Barnell, and adopted:

Resolved. That the sincere thanks of this body are due and the same be heartily extended to the members of Abbeville Church and the citizens of the town and community for their generous hospitality extended to us during our stay among them

The following standing committees were appointed:

STATE MISSIONS.

Rev. W. H. Harris, M. V. Capps, Fowler Hall.

HOME MISSIONS.

J. B. Ward, W. T. Poindexter, J. B. Mills.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A. Daughety, A. J. Armstrong, S. J. Belcher.

TEMPERANCE.

J. W. Malone, Sr., T. A. Trawick, G. W. Ward.

EDUCATION.

J. B. Espey, J. H. Adams, B. R. Lee.

ORPHANS' HOME.

A. J. White, J. W. Malone, Jr., W. H. Capps.

PUBLICATIONS.

D. E. Burdeshaw, W. M. Kirkland, N. L. Hawley.

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

F. B. Jernigan, Thomas Guilford, D. W. Capps.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Upon motion the vote on the adoption of the report on nominations was reconsidered and Brother A. Taylor's name was stricken from said report.

The Circular Letter was next read by Brother A. Daughety and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

It was moved that the Clerk be paid $15 for his services.

It was ordered that the Clerk add Scripture references to each Article of Faith printed in the minutes.

The body then adjourned for preaching.

Brother H. L. Crumbly preached from Phil. 1:6, after which the congregation joined in singing "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." The parting hand was given and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. L. Crumley.

F. L. WIMBERLY, Clerk. W. J. MARTIN, Moderator.

Reports of Standing Committees.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of the State Board of Missions for some time past has, to a great extent, been confined to that of establishing new churches and assisting weak ones in the support of their pastors. The policy of the Board, however, has undergone some change during the past two years. The line now most largely engaging the energies of our people is evangelistic work. There were two evangelists who devoted their entire time to the work last year, viz.: Brethren A. E. Burnes and S. O. Y. Ray. This year we have six evangelists in the several sections of the State, to-wit: Brethren A. E. Burnes, G. S. Anderson, J. E. Dickinson, J. W. Sandlin, W. A. Parker and A. J. Preston. These brethren are selected because of their fitness for the work, and are now operating under the appointment and counsel of the Board. They collect and remit contributions for foreign and home missions, as well as for State missions; indigent ministers, their widows and orphans; ministerial education and the Orphanage. They are spending their time largely in the rural districts of the country and are trying to reach all the churches and assist all the preachers in unifying the brethren in their local Christian and church work. The Board is also doing colportage work in different parts of the State where most needed. Some of our Colporters are doing great good in distributing religious literature among our people. They visit from house to house with Bibles, Testaments and denominational literature, which they leave in the homes.

Besides this, we are still assisting weak churches in the support of their pastors, as far as practicable, and helping infant churches at weak points where otherwise Baptist churches could not be established, This enlargement of the work of the Board calls for a corresponding increase in our contributions. The work of this year has shown this advanced work of the Board to be a wise policy, and next year we would like to put at least twelve evangelists in the field, as it is impossible for six men to do the work necessary. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." Let the old Judson take her place among the leading associations in the State and honor God with her substance, and God will honor her with His richest blessings. Respectfully submitted.

R. W. MILLER, Chairman Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board is doing work in almost all the Southern states, the Indian Territory and Cuba. There are about 380 missionaries in her employ. These brethren are living on very small salaries, the average being but little over $300.

The Home Board has been instrumental in establishing a large number of churches, which are now among the most liberal contributors to the work. More than $100.000 is needed to meet the requirements of this Board.

We are sorry to note that our State is far behind other states in her contributions to the Home Board. It is from our home work that the foreign work must draw. If the root of the tree is neglected the tree will die, so if we neglect our home work there will be a collapse in our foreign work. Respectfully submitted.

T. A. TRAWICK.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whomsoever

believeth in him should not perish. but have eternal life."

The gift of God was on account of His love for a lost world The command of Christ to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature was but the expression of the will of the Father. As we enter into the love of God and the purpose of God we must become a part of his plan to save a lost world

All Missionaries are one. We divide the work according to different localities and call it by different names for convenience. but wherever one goes, even if it is only across the street, to teach a soul of God and lead him to God, there is a Missionary. Blessed be the one who is a Missionary in his own land; thrice, yea. a thousand times blessed is the one who can leave home, friends, loved ones, all. and go in the midst of superstition, sin and iniquity in far away lands to tell the sweet old story of God's love in Christ.

Missions in the days of the Apostles. "Now. the which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen, traveled as far as Phenice and Cyprus and Antioch. preaching the word to none but unto the Jews." Acts 11:19. They seem to have failed to understand that the Gospel was intended for all, both Jews and Gentiles. Even Simon Peter had to be convinced by a vision that he should preach to the Gentiles. Philip preaching in Samaria got a further call and went south to preach to an African as he journeyed. Barnabas was sent by the church at Jerusalem up to Antioch, where he, in company Saul, labored for the space of a whole year. The Lord then called upon Antioch to separate Barnabas and Saul unto the work whereunto he had called them, "And they laid their hands upon them and sent them away." Their missionary labors extended through all Syria and Cilicia, and in fact all Asia Minor. Macedonia and Achaia. and was afterwards carried to Rome. The Gospel made wonderful progress in the earlier centuries. Then somehow le ther seemed to take possession of those naming the name of Christ. False doctrines had gotten hold of the people and with these an indifference of souls for dying men.

THE REVIVAL—With the Reformation came a deeper sense of sin and more longing for true piety and holy living. In England God's spirit was working mightily in the heart of an humble cobbler and preacher, William Carey.. The story of his going to India in 1793 is well known to all. Judson was soon afterwards sent out by the Congregationalists to Burna, together with Luther Rice. They both became Baptists and were thus thrust upon us by God. Mr. Rice came back to this country and aroused the brethren on the subject of missions. On May 21, 1814, the Triennial Convention was organized in Philadelphia, which continued until 1845, at which time the Southern Baptist Convention was organized and two committees appointed—one to take charge of the foreign and the other the home mission work.

We have now about 190 missionaries in the foreign field counting the native helpers. To support these missionaries about $108,000 is needed. Our Board is in better condition than ever before, but still needs our co-operation, prayers and support. Respectfully submitted. D. E. BURDESHAW.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

From the reading of the letters from the churches composing this Association, we notice only six of them claim to have Sabbath schools. It is said by some of our Baptists that a Sabbath school at work is, in the true sense, a church at work. If this be true, we urge the messengers representing those churches which have no Sabbath school to organize schools at once. We ask the members of this body to discuss the best plan of keeping up a Sabbath school in country churches, as we deem it a very important question, Respectfully submitted.

J. B. WARD.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE,

Its name is Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama

The first steps taken towards its establishment was when Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson made known to the State Baptist Convention in November, 1890, that she would give all her real estate for the maintenance of the Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama.

The Home was temporarily located at Evergreen January 16, 1893, the present

Financial Secretary being asked to take the management of it, without remuneration, he being then pastor at Evergreen.

March 10, 1893, in a small rented house, the Home was opened to receive the first inmates. By November of that year we had received 22 children, and the trustees decided to locate the home permanently.

After daily advertising for bids for a location. Evergreen was chosen and property purchased consisting of 80 acres of land lying on Main street, 30 of which is in cultivation, 30 in pasture and 20 in woods.

The buildings were a ten room brick house, and three tenant houses.

The prcuhase price of the property was $5,000, which with interest on the deferred payments amounted to $5,400.33, which has been paid,

The boys are taught to do farm work and the girls do various kinds of house work.

All that are old enough attend the Southwest Alabama Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged, the matriculation and incidental fees amounting to about $5 to $10 per year for each pupil.

All attend Sunday school and church.

The current expenses amount to about $6 per month for each child.

Since the Home was started there have been gathered into it 33 boys and 37 girls, and out of it have gone by apprenticeship 2 boys; returned to their people 5 boys and 4 girls; by adoption 10 boys and 12 girls, leaving in the Home 16 boys and 21 girls.

Important improvements are being made in the arrangement of the Home by which we are to have eleven new rooms added, and all the old ones renovated.

Money is greatly needed to complete this work and pay for food for the children. Will not the churches, Sunday schools. Missionary societies and friends remember us and send regular contributions?

The children have come from nineteen counties as follows: Barbour 3, Butler 3, Conecuh 2, Escambia 7, Lee 3, Marengo 3, Montgomery 2, Bibb 2. Chambers 1, Covington 8, Jefferson 8, Limestone 1. Monroe 4, Pike 2, Russell 1, Talladega 8, Tuscaloosa 3, Tallapoosa 2. Walker 6.

JNO. W. STEWART, Fin'l Sec.

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We, your committee on Indigent Ministers make the following report: We find our ministers in very good circumstances; for all this we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father, and pray His blessings to continue with them. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. ARMSTRONG,
A. S. WHITTEN.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

We believe that there is no work in the denomination that gives greater returns than that of training the mind of the young. All peoples and nations believe in and make sacrifices, if necessary, for the education of their people because it gives strength and standing, enabling them to rank and cope with other peoples and nations. If the kingdoms of this world are so wise, should not the kingdom of God be equally so?

The time honored Howard College, East Lake, the famous Judson, Marion, and the grand old Central Female College, of Tuscaloosa, are especially fitted to do the work for our great Baptist cause in the State, by reason of their strong, loyal and zealous corps of Baptist teachers employed. The Bible, the God-given text-book, is taught in these schools; thus, while the mind is being trained to solve the mysteries of earth, the heart is taught to look into heavenly things.

There is no doubt but what the education of our young ministers is one of the foundations of success to our denomination. The shepherd, in order to lead the flock, must be in advance; he can not lift them unless he is stronger than they are. Other denominations are educating their ministry, and if we keep up with the procession we must, too. In order to educate our young preachers the churches must take the matter in hand, giving of their means to support them in Howard College, or some other school, and this we urge with all our heart.

W. W. HARRIS.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

B. F. Harris, Treasurer, in account with the Judson Baptist Association, October 3, 1896:

To amount cash on hand		$ 2 00
" " received from Finance Committee:		
For Home Missions		10 50
For Foreign Missions		24 65
For State Missions		12 65
For Associational purposes		84 05
For Minutes		28 20
For Orphans' Home		8 40
For A. L. Whigham		50
Total amount received		$170 95
By amount paid out October 3, 1896:		
Minutes	$ 28 20	
For Clerk	15 00	
For Postage	1 25	
For A L Martin	6 55	
For State Missions	12 65	
For Home Missions	10 50	
For Foreign Missions	25 65	
For Orphans' Home	8 40	
Total amount paid out		$108 20
Balance on hand		$ 62 75

Respectfully submitted. B. F. HARRIS.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE,

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report:

We note with pleasure that the interest in this great question is steadily increasing, and the people of God seem more solidly united and more earnestly laboring to suppress the sale and use of intoxicants as a beverage. But we should increase our efforts in this direction and endeavor to force it out of our country. We note that there is less intoxicating liquors sold in our state now than formerly. By degrees the counties one by one join in with us and assert their opposition to its sale.

Let us not cease in our labors until it shall be driven from the bounds of our State and our country. We earnestly ask the hearty co operation of every Christian in this work for prosperity and happiness, as well as great service for the cause of the Master. Respectfully submitted.

C. C. MURPHY,
J. B. ESPEY

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The work of the Apostles in establishing churches was to preach to them the Gospel of Christ, and they all preached the same Gospel, so the churches all had the same faith and practice; therefore there was a unity in faith and practice. The Gospel is committed unto the Church of Christ, and it is responsible for the purity and perpetuity of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul was very careful to see that the churches were instructed in the Word of God so they might be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. He also requests them to be of the same mind This was important in any of their co-operative work. When Aquilla and Priscilla finds Apollos, who was preaching, knowing nothing more than the baptism of John, they take him and expound unto him the Scriptures more perfectly. Thus we see there was a unity in the preaching of the Gospel and faith and practice, which was needful to success.

A. DAUGHETY.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

After examining the books of Brother Harris, our Treasurer, we find them correctly kept, the moneys paid out as directed by the churches. Respectfully submitted.

M. V. CAPPS, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We would recommend to our people the following publications:

The Foreign Mission Journal.
The Home Mission Journal.
The State Mission Journal.
The Alabama Baptist.
The Southern Baptist Series of Sunday School Literature.

We would especially urge our people to read the Old and New Testament.

Respectfully submitted. A. J. PRESTON.

Report of Special Committees.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Enon Baptist Church Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1898, and that Elder A. L. Martin preach the introductory sermon.

We also recommend that the following brethren be elected delegates to the State convention: W. W. Harris, W. J. Martin, A. J Preston, M. V. Capps, J. W. Malone, Jr., A. Daughety, D. Burdeshaw, A. J. Armstrong, R. W. Miller and J. B. Ward.

We further recommend that the present Executive Committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted. A. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We find on hand in cash:

Home Missions	$ 27 75
Foreign Missions	20 06
State Missions	7 20
Associational purposes	41 70
Minutes	30 70
Orphans' Home	85
Total	26

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. MILLER, Chairman.

DIRECTORY FOR THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA.

OUR BOARDS.

The State Board of Missions, located at Montgomery, W. C. Bledsoe, Corresponding Secretary. Montgomery, Ala

BOOK DEPARTMENT—J. B Collins, Secretary Montgomery, Ala. J. L. Thompson, President, Montgomery.

MEMBERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES: J. L. Thompson, George W. Ellis, W. E. Pierce, T. L. Jones, George B. Eaget, Jonathan Haralson, W B. Davidson, Montgomery; A. J. Dickinson, H. S. D. Mallory, Selma; W. C. Cleveland, Columbia; P. T. Hale, Birmingham: W. E. Hudmon, Opelika; S. A. Adams Jackson; M. F. Brooks, Brewton: N. C. Underwood, Brundidge; J. P. Wood, Troy; J. J. Taylor, Mobile; R. E. Pettus, Huntsville; J. P. Shaffer, Dadeville; A. B. Campbell, Troy:

W. J. Elliott, Montgomery.

ORPHANS' HOME BOARD—G. R. Farnham, President, Evergreen; J. W. Stewart, Secretary and Treasurer, Evergreen; P. T. Hale, Z. D. Roby, J. C. Bush, C, S. Rabb, P. M. Bruner, C. L. Gay. John Cunningham. Matron of Home, Mrs. Clara W. Ansley. Evergreen.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF ALABAMA—Professor P. H. Mell, Auburn, President; W. D. Dunlap, Birmingham, Secretary and Treasurer.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Howard College, East Lake, Ala.—Professor A. D. Smith, Chairman Faculty.
Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala.—S. W. Everett, President.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

A. L. M[illegible]beville, Ala.
A. J. Pr[illegible]ewton, Ala.
J. W. Mal[illegible]Sr., Wesley, Ala.
J. W. Malone, Jr., Wesley, Ala.
D. E. Burdeshaw, Kinsey, Ala.
J. W. Knowles, Bracken, Ala.
R. B. Lee, Eufaula, Ala.
A. H. Taylor, Kinsey, Ala.
M. Bracken, Bracken, Ala.
T. C. McCleney, Balkum, Ala.
A. Daughety, Cowart, Ala.
W. H. F. Smith, Headland, Ala.
S. J. Knowles, Headland, Ala.
F. M. Hanser, Headland, Ala.
J. T. Barnes, Newville, Ala.
W. M. White, Headland, Ala.
W. J. Martin, Abbeville, Ala.
F. L. Wimberly, Shorterville Ala.

LICENTIATES.

J. A. Campbell, Headland, Ala.
J. W. Owens, Headland, Ala.
F. B. Jernigan, Belcher, Ala.
J. W. Burkett, Dothan, Ala.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association will be composed of representatives from the churches in the union in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under shall be allowed two messengers; those being over one hundred members three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty and not two hundred members, four messengers, and so on in graduation, one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The messengers when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

Art. 4, The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as indepent bodies in all matters of internal government, and only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith or disorderly in practice She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending His kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the Gospel and other means in accordance with the Gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by their sending their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

Art. 6. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly,

Art. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the orders of the Association and present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8 This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 9. This Association shall not take cognizance of any querry sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed; nor of any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle it. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Art. 11. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

Art. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, and by a concurring vote of two thirds of the members present. Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection. Is. 45:22. 1 John 5:7.

Art. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Pet. 1:20 21.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will. I Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4: Rom 8: 28 29

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sins. Ps. 51:5: Rom. 3: 9-10; Ps. 58:3.

Art. 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability. Eph. 21: 8-10; Rom. 8:7.

Art. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Rom. 10:4 and 4: 22-25.

Art 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. 2 Tim. 1: 9-10; Rom. 8: 29-30; 1 Pet. 1:2.

Art. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation Rom. 8: 35-39; 1 Pet. 1:5.

Art 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and immersion only is baptism. Acts 2. 41-42 and 16: 31-33; Rom. 6: 4-5.

Art. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. 1 Cor. 15: 50-54; Acts 17:31; 2 Cor. 5:10.

Art. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting and the joys of the righteous to be eternal. Matt. 25:46.

Art. 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and he is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member. 1 Tim. 1:12 and 4:14; Matt. 28: 18-20.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every querry sent up to the Association by any church in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated or not. provided that Article 4 of the Constitution has been complied with; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not. it shall be withdrawn. Provided, always, that those be first concidered which effect the union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off and absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF JUDSON ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1897.

CHURCHES.	State Missions—Cash.	State Missions—Vouchers.	Home Missions—Cash.	Home Mission—Vouchers.	Foreign Missions—Cash.	Foreign Missions—Vouchers.	Associational Purposes.	College Buildings—Vouchers.	Orphans' Home—Cash.	Orphans' Home—Vouchers.	Minutes.	Pastors' Salary.	Ladies' Aid Society for Pastorium.	Total Contributions.	Sunbeams—Cash on Hand.	Value of Property.
Abbeville		$23 35		$14 15		$10 00		$25 00		$11 10	2 50	400 00	$55 00	541 10	$33.49	
Adoniram		3 35	4 50				4 00		5 60		75			14 20		
Bethel									11 00		1 50			16 50		
Bethlehem		2 20					75				75			3 70		
Beulah		2 00			1 86						1 50			5 36		
Centre		4 65			4 60		2 00				1 25	60 00		72 50		
Christian Grove		4 28					1 70		1 00		1 25			8 23		
Concord	1 25	1 85	1 25				2 00				1 00			7 35		
Enon		4 81			2 55	20	2 50				1 00			11 06		
Fellowship		3 55					5 00				75			9 30		
Friendship		3 00	2 05								1 00			6 05		
Harmony																
Headland		8 40					1 15		5 00		2 00		50 00	66 55		1,200
Hebron									5 00		2 00			7 00		
Judson							1 50		5 15		1 50			8 15		
Lawrenceville		2 30			2 00				2 00		1 00			7 30		
Mt. Aerial							60			2 45	1 00			4 05		
Oaky Grove											1 00			1 00		
Old Zion							50		1 00		75			2 25		
Pleasant Grove		7 00	15 00						10 00		2 00			34 00		
Sardis							2 00		75		1 50			4 25		
Shorterville		8 68	4 35		7 00		1 50		4 35		2 50			28 38		
Smyrna	3 00	7 05	60	05	2 05				1 00		75			1 50		
Tolbert											1 00			1 00		
Union Springs							1 50				50			2 00		
Total	$4 25	$86 47	$27 75	$14 20	$20 06	$10 20	$26 70	$25 00	$51 85	$12 45	$30 75	460 00	105 00	875 78	$33.49	$1,200

PERSONAL PLEDGES PAID FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES:

M. V. Capps, $5.00; A. J. Armstrong, 5.00; J. J. Boyett, 1.00; D. E. Burdeshaw, 2.00; A. Daughety, 1.00; A. Armstrong, 1.00—$15.00.
There was collected at the Association for the Orphans' Home, in addition to the above, $8.85.

90.72 / 41.95 / 30.26 / 73.10

STATISTICS OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—1897.

CHURCH.	COUNTY	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	Membership Last Reported.	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY				Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Superintendent's Name and P. O. Address.	
Abbeville	Henry	W W Harris	R W Miller	Abbeville	142		4		11	1		2	133	13	83	R W Miller, Abbeville.	1st-3d
Adoniram	"	W J Martin	W H Parker	Halesburg	38	20	4	5	4				69				
Bethel	Barbour	J W Malone	J E Vinson	Lodi	131	1	3	1		13		1	115				4th
Bethlehem	Henry	Aris Armstrong	John Kelley	Headland	38	2	5			2			38				
Beulah	"	W A Cumbie	J W Pittman	Dothan	93	8							88				
Centre	"	D E Burdeshaw	F M Roney	Newville	108	37	10	4	6	2		1	150	4	60	G E Fuller, Newville.	1st
Christian Grove	Barbour	R B Lee	W A James	Eufaula	61	17	2	1	5	2		1	73				1st
Concord	Henry	S A Savell	W C Kirkland	Blackwood	108	2	11		10	2		2	109				1st
Enon	"	D E Burdeshaw	J R Rackley	Kinsey	53	2	11		7	4			55				
Fellowship	"	Aris Armstrong	D W Capps	Capps	87	9	1	4	11	1			89				2nd
Friendship	"	W O Crumbley	Wm Phillips	Shorterville	44	8			2				50				4th
Harmony	"				11								11				
Headland	"	Frank Hauser	J L Campbell	Headland	178	1	5	2	25	18		3	140	10	75	A A Poindexter, Headland.	1st-3d
Hebron	"	Aris Armstrong	J M Armstrong	Balkum	68	4	1	1		2			82		60		
Judson	"	W J Martin	Geo L Fleming	Wesley	63	9		7					56				
Lawrenceville	"	W J Martin	N L Hawley	Lawrenceville	38		2		2			2	36				
Mt. Aerial	Barbour	R B Lee	W C Jernigan	Belcher	33	2							35				
Oaky Grove	Henry	F M Holland	J E Jackson	Abbeville	65					3	3		61				1st
Old Zion	"	J W Malone	G W Fleming	Shorterville	27	1				2		3	23				
Pleasant Grove	"	J J White	S M Singletary	Abbeville	108	37	5	5		2			153				4th
Sardis	"	J T Barnes	Joseph Ward	Lawrenceville	57			1	3				55				2nd
Shorterville	"	H L Crumley	F M Mills	Shorterville	137	7	4		4	1		4	139	6	46	R W Irwin, Shorterville.	3rd
Smyrna	"	R C Deal	J D Daughety	Dothan	75		6	3	8	1			75				4th
Tolbert	"	J T Barnes	M P Shelly	Balkum	108	5	3	4	14	2		2	132				4th
*Union Springs		Z Dees	G W Murphy		51								51				
					1771	172	77	39	112	58	3	21	1867	33	318		

*Organized during the present year.